

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3423

To provide that an individual may not serve more than 2 terms as a member of any independent regulatory commission, and to authorize an individual to continue to serve as a member of an independent regulatory commission for not more than 1 year following the expiration of the term of the individual.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 1996

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. McINTOSH, Mr. CLINGER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. BONO, Mr. UPTON, Mr. HORN, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. ZELIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

---

## A BILL

To provide that an individual may not serve more than 2 terms as a member of any independent regulatory commission, and to authorize an individual to continue to serve as a member of an independent regulatory commission for not more than 1 year following the expiration of the term of the individual.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Regulator Term Limit  
5 Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSION MEM-**  
2 **BERSHIP REFORMS.**

3 (a) **TERM LIMITATION.**—

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other  
5 provision of law, an individual may not serve more  
6 than 2 terms as a member of any particular inde-  
7 pendent regulatory commission.

8 (2) **EXCLUDED SERVICE.**—For purposes of  
9 paragraph (1), there shall not be considered serv-  
10 ice—

11 (A) in a term of membership that began  
12 before the effective date of this subsection; or

13 (B) for less than half of any term of mem-  
14 bership having a duration specified by statute.

15 (b) **CONTINUED SERVICE AFTER COMPLETION OF**  
16 **TERM.**—

17 (1) **CONTINUED SERVICE AUTHORIZED.**—Not-  
18 withstanding any other provision of law, and subject  
19 to paragraph (2), an individual may continue to  
20 serve as a member of an independent regulatory  
21 commission following the expiration of the term of  
22 the individual.

23 (2) **LIMITATION ON CONTINUED SERVICE.**—  
24 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, contin-  
25 ued service of an individual as a member of an inde-  
26 pendent regulatory commission following the expira-

1       tion of the term of the individual shall terminate  
2       upon the earlier of—

3               (A) the appointment of a successor to the  
4       individual; or

5               (B) the end of the one-year period begin-  
6       ning on the date of that expiration.

7       (c) INDEPENDENT REGULATORY COMMISSION DE-  
8       FINED.—In this section, the term “independent regulatory  
9       commission”—

10           (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), means  
11       any independent regulatory agency (as that term is  
12       defined in section 3502 of title 44, United States  
13       Code) that is designated by statute as a commission;  
14       and

15           (2) does not include the Board of Governors of  
16       the Federal Reserve System.

○